

## **BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS**

### **Minutes of the Regular Board of Police Commissioners Meeting Thursday, October 6, 2005**

The regular meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners was held on Thursday, October 6, 2005, at 3:00 p.m., at Police Headquarters, 1300 Beaubien, Detroit, Michigan 48226.

#### **ATTENDANCE**

##### **Board Members Present**

Erminia Ramirez  
Jim Holley  
Mohamed Okdie **(ABS)**  
Willie Hampton  
Arthur Blackwell II **(ABS)**

##### **Department Personnel Present**

AC Walter Martin  
DC Chester Logan  
Cmdr. Duane McKissic  
Sgt. Charles Spruce  
Sgt. Romel Alexander  
P.O. Michael Woody  
P.O. Kent Cooper

##### **Board Staff Present**

Dante' L. Goss, Executive Director  
Lawana Ducker, Personnel Director  
Denise R. Hooks, Attorney/Supervising Inv.  
Arnold Sheard, Interim Chief Investigator **(ABS)**  
Ainsley Cromwell, Supervising Investigator

#### **OTHERS PRESENT**

Ms. Walters  
Geraldine Barnes  
M. Rosalia Madrigal  
Chais Madrigal

Carina Madrigal  
Oscar Madrigal  
Brenda Vela

## **RECORDERS**

Terence Bell  
Robert Brown

### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

**Chairperson Ramirez** called the regular meeting of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners to order at 3:20 pm.

**Chairperson Ramirez** acknowledged the presence of Board members and staff.

### **2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- **Thursday, September 29, 2005**

**MOTION:** **Comm. Holley** made the motion to approve the above Minutes.

**SECOND:** **Comm. Hampton** seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

### **3. REPORT FROM THE CHAIR**

#### **Oath of Office**

**Chairperson Ramirez** swore-in Ms. Geraldine Barnes, who was appointed as a Police Commission Senior Investigator for the Office of the Chief Investigator.

**Chairperson Ramirez** swore-in Ms. M. Rosalia Madrigal, who was appointed as a Police Commission Senior Investigator for the Office of the Chief Investigator.

**Chairperson Ramirez** stated for the record that the Board is honoring former Commissioner Megan Norris with a Resolution. Also, Officer Gregory Dick is being honored with a Resolution.

## **RESOLUTION HONORING**

**Megan P. Norris  
(Commissioner)**

- WHEREAS** Mayor Dennis W. Archer appointed Megan P. Norris, Esq., to the Board of Police Commissioners in February 2001;
- WHEREAS** Commissioner Norris brought to the Board an extensive background in employment law, particularly in the areas of the Family and Medical Leave Act, the American with Disabilities Act, sexual harassment, wrongful discharge and discrimination; and
- WHEREAS** Commissioner Norris devoted many hours to her duties, sacrificing personal and professional time during her tenure with the Board. She actively served on and chaired each of the Board's subcommittees, those being Citizen Complaints, Disciplinary Appeals, Promotional Appeals, Budget, Personnel and Training, Labor Relations, Legal Affairs and Policy; and
- WHEREAS** Commissioner Norris' legal training and experience proved to be invaluable assets in effectively dealing with personnel and employment issues, in discussing compliance with the Consent Decrees, recommending dispositions in disciplinary appeals, and the hiring of a Personnel Director. While serving on the Citizens Complaint Subcommittee, she conducted training sessions with the Board's civilian investigators on analyzing facts and writing reports; and
- WHEREAS** Commissioner Norris participated in and enthusiastically supported Board activities, which included training at the Academy by regularly serving as a member of the Use of Force Panel, attending Academy Graduations, Promotional Ceremonies, and Memorial Services; and
- WHEREAS** Commissioner Norris was elected Vice Chair of the Board on July 1, 2001, and Chair on July 1, 2002. She became a highly recognized Commissioner as during her tenure as Chair, she dealt with a broad range of issues confronting the Board and the Police Department, including the appointment of a new Police Chief and administrative staff, and the impending consent decrees; and
- WHEREAS** Commissioner Norris, among other things, served as the liaison between the Board and the consent decree working group, was instrumental in the drafting of the Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA) policy for the Police Department's Personnel Manual, and ensured a role for the Board in the Department's Board of Review process for the first time in the Board's 30 plus-year history; and

**WHEREAS** Commissioner Norris left the Board at the end of her term. She provided a strong and passionate voice, focused on important issues related to the Police Department, and served as a mentor to Commissioners and staff alike. She served her term with dedication and commitment to advancing the mission of the Board and further sensitizing the Police Department to the needs and concerns of the citizens,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED** That the Board of Police Commissioners, speaking for the citizens of the City of Detroit and the Detroit Police Department, expresses its sincere and heartfelt appreciation for the work and contributions of Megan Norris. Her dedication, integrity, selfless service and volunteering spirit merit our highest regard and best wishes for the future.

**We salute and thank you, Megan P. Norris.**

**MOTION:** **Comm. Hampton** made the motion to approve the above Resolution.

**SECOND:** **Comm. Holley** seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

/s/ Erminia Ramirez  
Chairperson

/s/ Rev. Jim Holley  
Vice Chairperson

/s/ Mohamed Okdie  
Commissioner

/s/ Willie Hampton  
Commissioner

**ADOPTED BY THE  
BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS  
September 8, 2005**

/s/ Arthur Blackwell, II  
Commissioner

**RESOLUTION HONORING**

**Police Officer Gregory Dick**

**WHEREAS** Gregory Dick served as a City of Detroit Police Cadet from September 1967 until his appointment to the Detroit Police Department on September

8, 1970. Upon graduation from the Detroit Metropolitan Police Academy, Officer Dick was assigned to the Seventh Precinct; and

**WHEREAS** Officer Dick's other assignments included the Computer Section, the Fifth Precinct, and the First Precinct; and

**WHEREAS** Officer Dick served two tours of duty with the Youth Services Section, totaling over fourteen years, and proved to have a talent for dealing with troubled youths; and

**WHEREAS** Officer Dick transferred to the Eleventh Precinct in April 1992 where he continued to serve as a Youth Officer. As a Youth Officer, he participated in a number of youth-oriented programs at various schools throughout the precinct area; and

**WHEREAS** From 2002 until his retirement, Officer Dick served as the Technological Liaison for the Eleventh Precinct, working closely with the command staff to bring the precinct into the technological era. With his passion for technology as a driving force, Officer Dick used his knowledge and innovative skills to perform such tasks as evaluating the needs of the precinct, updating equipment, rendering assistance, and developing first-rate PowerPoint presentations; and

**WHEREAS** On July 5, 2005, Police Officer Gregory Dick retired from the Detroit Police Department after 35 years of exemplary service to the Department and to the citizens of Detroit; and

**WHEREAS** During his career, Officer Dick received several awards and commendations, including one Meritorious Citation, one Lifesaving Citation, two Chief Unit Awards, one Unit Award, and the 1980 GOP Commemorative Award, and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT**

**RESOLVED** That the Board of Police Commissioners, speaking for the citizens of Detroit and the Detroit Police Department, awards this resolution in recognition of the outstanding commitment and dedication of Officer Gregory Dick. Officer Dick's loyalty and service, particularly to our youths, merit our highest regards and well wishes for continued success.

**We salute and congratulate you, Officer Gregory Dick.**

/s/ Erminia Ramirez  
Chairperson

/s/ Mohamed Okdie  
Commissioner

/s/ Rev. Jim Holley  
Vice Chairperson

/s/ Willie Hampton Commissioner	ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS September 8, 2005	/s/ Arthur Blackwell, II Commissioner
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**MOTION:** Comm. Hampton made the motion to approve the above Resolution.

**SECOND:** Comm. Holley seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

4. SECRETARY'S REPORT – EXEC. DIR. GOSS

CITIZEN COMPLAINTS RECEIVED

	<u>This Week</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
2005 - Weekly Count of Complaints:	28	1170
2004 - Weekly Count of Complaints:	33	1280

- The Office of the Chief Investigator (OCI) closed a total of 41 cases this week.
- The Office of the Chief Investigator submitted 7 cases to the Chief's Office.
- The Chief's Office has reviewed and returned 0 cases to OCI.

5. PRESENTATION/REPORT-CHIEF OF POLICE

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# *Detroit Police Department*

## *Report to the Board of Police Commissioners*

### ***“Building a Safer Detroit Through Community Partnerships”***

*The Detroit Police Department is committed to uphold its mission to provide a safe environment for our residents and businesses. This effort is not possible without the joint commitment of the community and the Police Department. We appreciate and value the role our citizens have played in helping us to take the guns and drugs off the streets of the city of Detroit.*



### **SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS**

#### **Narcotics/ Gang Enforcement**

During the period of September 26th-October 3rd, Narcotics /Gang Enforcement conducted 22 search warrants and 53 street enforcement actions within the boundaries of the city of Detroit, resulting in the following arrests and confiscations:

- 47 Felony arrests
  - 123 Misdemeanor arrests
  - 5 Juveniles detained
  - 11,179.7 Grams of cocaine, 138.9 grams of heroin, 10,038.8 grams of marijuana, 6,300 pills— street value **\$4,825,055.00**
  - **\$332,213.00** in U.S. Currency
- Confiscated:
- 6 Handguns
  - 4 Vehicles

#### **The Violent Crimes Task Force**

On September 27th, officers from the Violent Crimes Task Force received information from the United States Marshall Detroit Division, that a man wanted in connection with a murder in New York City was hiding in Detroit. [The Violent Crimes Task Force set up stationary surveillance in the 8000 block of Olympia. The man was arrested without incident and released to the United States Marshall for extradition back to New York City. He will be charged with “Murder-First Degree.” The relentless efforts of The Violent Crimes Task Force and the Repeat Offenders Program continues to ensure the safety of the citizens in the city of Detroit.](#)

#### **Special points of interest:**

- Next meeting:  
Thursday October 13, 2005  
@ 6:30 P.M.  
  
**Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church**  
2080 West Grand Boulevard  
Detroit, MI 48208

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#### **Investigative Operations—East**

On September 28th, officers from Investigative Operations—East responded to the 2600 block of East Jefferson on a “Robbery/Armed—Business” run. The man wanted for this crime was quickly identified and the officers received information as to the location of where he was hiding. [Subsequent to an investigation, the man was arrested without incident for “ Robbery/ Armed—Business.”](#)



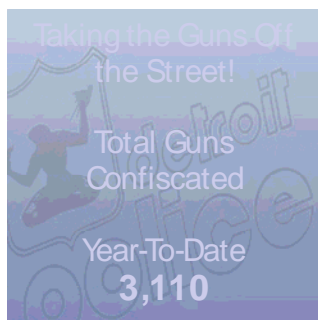
It's time once again for Detroiters to stand together for Angels' Night, October 29-31. Each year, roughly 50,000 Angels' Night volunteers patrol city streets, turn on their porch lights and watch over their neighborhoods. We need the help of every caring Detroiters to continue to keep our city safe. [For Additional Information, Please call the Volunteer Office Number at \(313\) 224-4415.](#)

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## *Police / Community Intervention*

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### Sex Crimes



On September 30th, officers from Sex Crimes responded to the area of Fairmont and Bringard on a "Sexual Assault Just Happened" run. Further investigation revealed that a mentally handicapped child was walking home when a man forced him into the back of his vehicle, drove to an unknown location and sexually assaulted the child. *As a result of an investigation and with the assistance of two brave citizens who detained the man until officers arrived, the man was arrested without incident. Confiscated was one (1) large bag containing marijuana.*

### Eastern District

On September 28th, officers of the Eastern District responded to the 11000 block of Morang on a "Robbery/Armed—Citizen" run. An investigation revealed that two (2) men approached a small group of people, produced a handgun and demanded their money. The two (2) men then fled in a vehicle. Citizens were able to provide a detailed description and plate number for the vehicle. *Due to the officers quick response and cooperation from the citizens the two (2) men were arrested without incident for "Robbery/Armed—Citizen." Confiscated was one (1) handgun.*

### Central District

On September 26th, officers from the Central District while on patrol in the area of Woodward and East Ferry, observed three (3) men loading aluminum planks into a truck from a building. An investigation revealed that the men were stealing fixtures, materials and other items from the building. The vehicle also was reported as stolen. *All three (3) men were arrested without incident for "Breaking and Entering—Business" and "Possession of a Stolen Motor Vehicle."*

### Western District

On September 30th, officers of the Western District responded to the 800 block of West McNichols on a "Robbery/Armed—Business" run. An investigation revealed that three (3) men entered the store and produced a handgun, struck the cashier in the head and robbed the store. Officers received a detailed description of the wanted man. *As a result of their quick response, all three (3) men were arrested without incident. Confiscated was one (1) handgun and crack cocaine.*



### Southwestern District



On September 30th, officers of the Southwestern District responded to the 6500 block of West Vernor on a "Robbery/Armed—Business" run. Although the man initially eluded the officers, he was soon reported to have been hiding in a motel in the area of Epworth and Joy. *Officers set up stationary surveillance and observed the man leave the motel in a vehicle. A traffic stop was conducted and the man was arrested without incident.*

### Northwestern District

On September 27th, officers of the Northwestern District responded to the 19000 block of Telegraph on a "Robbery/Armed—Business" run. An investigation revealed the man entered the store produced a handgun and demanded money. The cashier complied and the man fled the store. *As a result of an investigation one (1) man was arrested for "Robbery/Armed—Business," "Felony Firearm" and "Habitual 2nd Offense."*



**6. REQUEST FOR A CLOSED SESSION**

**Chairperson Ramirez** stated we have a request for a closed session. In order to proceed we need four (4) Commissioners to be present. She stated unless one more Commissioner shows up we will have to postpone this request for another date. She asked is the individual who requested the closed session present.

**Atty. Hooks** stated that Mr. Shawn Welch is present. She stated he understands that four (4) commissioners have to be present for a closed session, and if that does not happen, he has requested that this matter be rescheduled.

**7. REQUEST PERMISSION TO APPLY FOR GRANT**

The Northeastern District is requesting permission to apply for a continuation of the Drive Michigan Safety Task Force alcohol and seatbelt grant offered by the Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning. The grant period is for one-year, commencing **October 1, 2005 to September 30, 2006**. The M.O.H.S.P. grant will pay overtime for officers' salaries. The total budget for this grant is **\$160,000. There is no cash match required by the City of Detroit.**

**MOTION:** **Comm. Holley** made the motion to approve the above Request.

**SECOND:** **Comm. Hampton** seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** All in attendance voted in the affirmative.

**Chairperson Ramirez** asked how was the Northeastern District selected for this Grant.

**DC Logan** stated this is an ongoing grant for the former Eleventh Precinct, now known as the Northeastern District. This is a very busy area and it requires the manpower to curb drinking and seatbelt violations.

He also acknowledged the arrival of AC Walter Martin.

**Comm. Holley** stated his concern is, this is a request to apply because the commencement date has passed. Asked is there anyone to speak on this issue.

**Sgt. Charles Spruce** stated that the grant has not commenced. He stated the department had to put an application in to meet the deadline and we are waiting on the approval.

**Comm. Holley** stated this is a request to apply and when approved, the \$160,000 will be retro to the commencement date.

**Sgt. Spruce** stated yes, sir.

**Chairperson Ramirez** stated she was going to ask have you received this grant, but you answered it already.

**Sgt. Spruce** stated we are still in the application process.

**Comm. Holley** stated the next time you come before this Board you will be asking us to approve this grant.

**Sgt. Spruce** stated yes, sir.

**Chairperson Ramirez** stated this Board wants to have all the information that's available before we approve a grant.

#### 8. OTHER BUSINESS

**Comm. Holley** stated his concern is the overcrowding of prisoners under the new Restructuring Plan. He stated his other concern is that the officers are not making arrests because of the limited amount of holding cells within their district. He asked will the Police Department build a new jail with the passing of the mileage.

**DC Logan** stated he will have an answer to Comm. Holley's question by next week.

**Chairperson Ramirez** asked will we have that answer at the next Board meeting.

**DC Logan** stated yes, ma'am.

**Comm. Hampton** asked if the Board can get an update at the next meeting on Angel's Night.

**DC Logan** stated yes, sir.

**Chairperson Ramirez** stated she would like to have some information about the curfew for Angel's Night.

**DC Logan** asked do you want a report for Angel's Night.

**Chairperson Ramirez** stated yes, because she has received numerous telephone calls about the curfew.

**DC Logan** stated the normal curfew is in affect now. He stated in previous years, City Council has only approved curfew for one (1) of the three (3) Angel's Nights.

**Chairperson Ramirez** stated she has received telephone calls from citizens who are having events and would like to have the presence of the police. She asked what is the procedure for this? She also asked when will the city start charging for events that are requesting to have the police present.

**DC Logan** stated that's another work in progress.

**Chairperson Ramirez** asked does the request go to the Chief's office.

**DC Logan** stated the request is sent to City Council for a permit to be issued.

**AC Martin** stated it goes to the City Clerk and the clerk sends out the request to each city department.

**Chairperson Ramirez** stated the request goes to the City Clerk's office.

**AC Martin** stated that's correct.

**Chairperson Ramirez** asked when will the Southwest District be open for tour.

**AC Martin** stated we are hoping within the next 30-60 days.

**Chairperson Ramirez** stated another 30-60 days.

**AC Martin** stated the Chief hasn't had a chance to do an inspection.

**Comm. Holley** stated the 30-60 days is a safe answer for you.

## 9. ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday, October 13, 2005 @ 6:30 p.m.  
Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church  
2080 W. Grand Blvd.  
Detroit, MI 48208

**10. ORAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE**

There were no oral communications from the audience.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:40p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**DANTE' L. GOSS**  
Executive Director  
Board of Police Commissioners

**DLG/rb**